

IN THE SIXTH CIRCUIT COURT FOR DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN RE:

BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE and
FORD MOTOR CO. TIRE CASES

Case No. 01MD-2

ORDER

This matter came to be heard on Ford Motor Company’s Motion to Coordinate Discovery with Multi-District Litigation Proceedings. After reviewing the briefs submitted by parties, the Court finds that the motion is not well-taken and should be denied.

The Court finds that discovery in the cases pending before this Court should neither be limited nor controlled by discovery in related Federal litigation. Nonetheless, the parties are encouraged to utilize the discovery conducted in the Multi-District Litigation Proceedings in Federal District Court in an effort to avoid duplicative discovery. This ruling does not preclude the right of any party to request that specific discovery issues be reviewed if they are duplicative of discovery conducted in the Multi-District Litigation Proceedings in Federal District Court.

Ford Motor Company’s Motion to Coordinate Discovery with Multi-District Litigation Proceedings is hereby **DENIED**.

It is so **ORDERED**.

Entered this the _____ day of May, 2001.

THOMAS W. BROTHERS, JUDGE

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Order has been mailed to STEVE NORTH at 1215 Gallatin Pike South, Madison, TN 37115; STEVEN RILEY, JOY SONNHALTER, and SALVADOR HERNANDEZ at 1906 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37203; JAMES SANDERS at 150 Fourth Avenue North, Suite 2000, Nashville, TN 37219; STEPHEN MARCUM at 3 Courthouse Square, P.O. Box 8, Huntsville, AL 37756; RICHARD DENNEY and LYDIA JOANN BARRETT at 870 Copperfield Drive, Norman, OK 73072; JOHN MERRITT at 917 North Robinson, P.O. Box 1377, Oklahoma City, OK 73101; RICHARD LAGARDE at 440 Louisiana, Suite 1200, Houston, TX 77002; ROBERT LANGDON, J. KENT EMISON, BRADLEY KUHLMAN, MARK EVANS, 911 Main Street, P.O. Box 220, Lexington, MO 64057; and J. RANDOLPH BIBB at 211 Commerce Street, Suite 1000, Nashville, TN 37201 on this the _____ day of May, 2001.

Deputy Clerk